

REMARKSSpecification

The specification is amended to provide express support for the language of the new claims. Applicants' attorney affirms that this amendment does not contain new matter.

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Art rejection

To the extent that the rejections over Ikeuchi, Luard or Arimoto might be maintained against the new claims, reconsideration is requested because none of these patents teaches nor at all suggests that the connection wire crosses and is attached to some but not all of the flange.

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US 6,100,779 (Luard) shows connection wires emanating from front flange in Figs. 2 and 3. There is no suggestion in Fig. 3 that the lower set of connection wires crosses any of the flange, while the upper set has a fuzzy dark line that suggests these wires cross and are attached to all of the flange. There is no mention of the connection wires in the specification.

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The US 5,446,432 (Ikeuchi) drawing shows connections which appear either to cross and be attached to the entire flange, or to pass in front of or behind the flange without any attachment. In particular, SA shown most clearly in Fig. 9 appears to be attached to the entire flange. US 4,882,521 (Arimoto) in no way suggests a connection wire extending partly across and attached to the flange, and detached from its remainder.

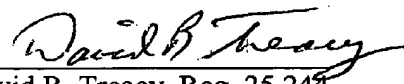
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CONCLUSION

All formal matters are complied with, and the new claims are shown to be patentable.

Respectfully submitted,

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